


Writing the Beginning

	Example 1	Example 2
Step 1. Use a starter method to write the first sentence.	<p>I leaped backward onto the deck. "An airplane just landed in our backyard!" I yelled.</p>	<p>It was not going to be an ordinary summer day.</p> 
Step 2. Imagine what will happen next.	<p>I leaped backward onto the deck. "An airplane just landed in our backyard!" I yelled.</p> <p>My neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, leaned over the fence.</p>	<p>It was not going to be an ordinary summer day. Landon knew that when he sat down for breakfast.</p>
Step 3. Add more sentences to keep the reader interested and to move the story on.	<p>I leaped backward onto the deck. "An airplane just landed in our backyard!" I yelled.</p> <p>My neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, leaned over the fence. I could tell that they were not happy. They prefer quiet neighbors and quiet neighborhoods.</p>	<p>It was not going to be an ordinary summer day. Landon knew that when he sat down for breakfast. The two cereal boxes left on the table were both empty. And when he looked out the window, he noticed that the wing of an airplane was blocking the back door.</p>